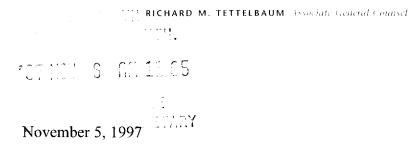
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David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Docket No. 97-000888, Universal Service Generic Case

Dear Mr. Waddell:

I am enclosing a copy of Citizens LECs' Objection to Discovery Request Filed By AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. The original and ten hard copies will follow by Federal Express for delivery tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow's Federal Express package will include an executed copy of the Stipulation of the Parties Of Issues To Be Briefed. The Citizens LECs names were not included on the stipulation's signature page. I have written in a space.

Richard M. Tettelbaum

ours very truly

cc (w/ encl.):

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J. Michael Swatts

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In Re:)	
Universal Service Generic Contested Case)	
)	Docket No.
)	97-00888

THE CITIZENS LECS' OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY REQUEST FILED BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC.

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, (collectively referred to as the "Citizens LECs"), by their attorney, hereby object to the discovery request filed by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), and respectfully show as follows:

- 1. On October 30, 1997, ostensibly pursuant to the Phase 1 schedule, as revised October 17, 1997, AT&T served a set of ten interrogatories upon the Citizens LECs. The first nine interrogatories request data on revenues from different types of intrastate services and facilities and services; the tenth requests data on line counts associated with several intrastate services. Counsel for the Citizens LECs received the interrogatories at 3:00 p.m. on November 3, 1997, two days before responses were due.¹
- 2. The Phase 1 schedule in this proceeding is clearly labeled "Non-Cost Issues." The AT&T interrogatories do not address any issue identified in the Phase 1 schedule.² Accordingly, they are irrelevant to any issue in Phase 1.

Even if the AT&T interrogatories were not objectionable as irrelevant to any Phase 1 issue, the Citizens LECs would need two weeks, not two days, to respond.

² The Citizens LECs do not believe that the AT&T interrogatories are even relevant to any Phase 2 cost issues. They address revenues, not costs. Their relevance, if any, is in the generic access reform proceeding.

3. The Citizens LECs object to the AT&T interrogatories and request that they be relieved from providing an answer.

Respectfully submitted,

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, LLC
and
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF THE VOLUNTEER STATE, LLC

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November 5, 1997

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Richard M. Tettelbaum, hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been served on counsel of record and other interested parties via First Class Mail postage

prepaid, this May of November 1997.

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STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES OF ISSUES TO BE BRIEFED

Comes now, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., BellSouth Cellular Corp., BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Citizens Local Exchange Carriers, Coalition of Small LECs and Cooperatives, Office of the Attorney General Consumer Advocate Division, DeKaIb Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, GTE Mobilnet, MCI Telecommunications Corp., NEXTLINK Tennessee, North Central Telephone Cooperative, Time Warner Communications of the Mid-South, Twin Lakes Telephone Co., United Telephone-Southeast and Sprint Communications L.P., West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp., Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, the Tennessee Municipal Telecommunications Group., TCG MidSouth, Inc., and Tennessee Department of Environment, interested parties in this matter, and submit their statement of stipulation as to the issues requiring briefing in this matter before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, as follows:

Stipulation: The above-named parties agree that issue numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 do not require the presentation of oral testimony at hearing, and instead, necessitate briefing by counsel appearing before the Authority in this matter and / or the filing of pre-filed direct testimony.

The parties agreement to this stipulation is indicated by the signature of counsel:

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.	BellSouth Cellular Corp.
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative
Citizens Local Exchange Carriers	Coalition of Small LECs and Cooperatives
Office of the Attorney General Consumer Advocate Division	DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
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MCI Telecommunications Corp.	NEXTLINK Tennessee
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Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation	Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative
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